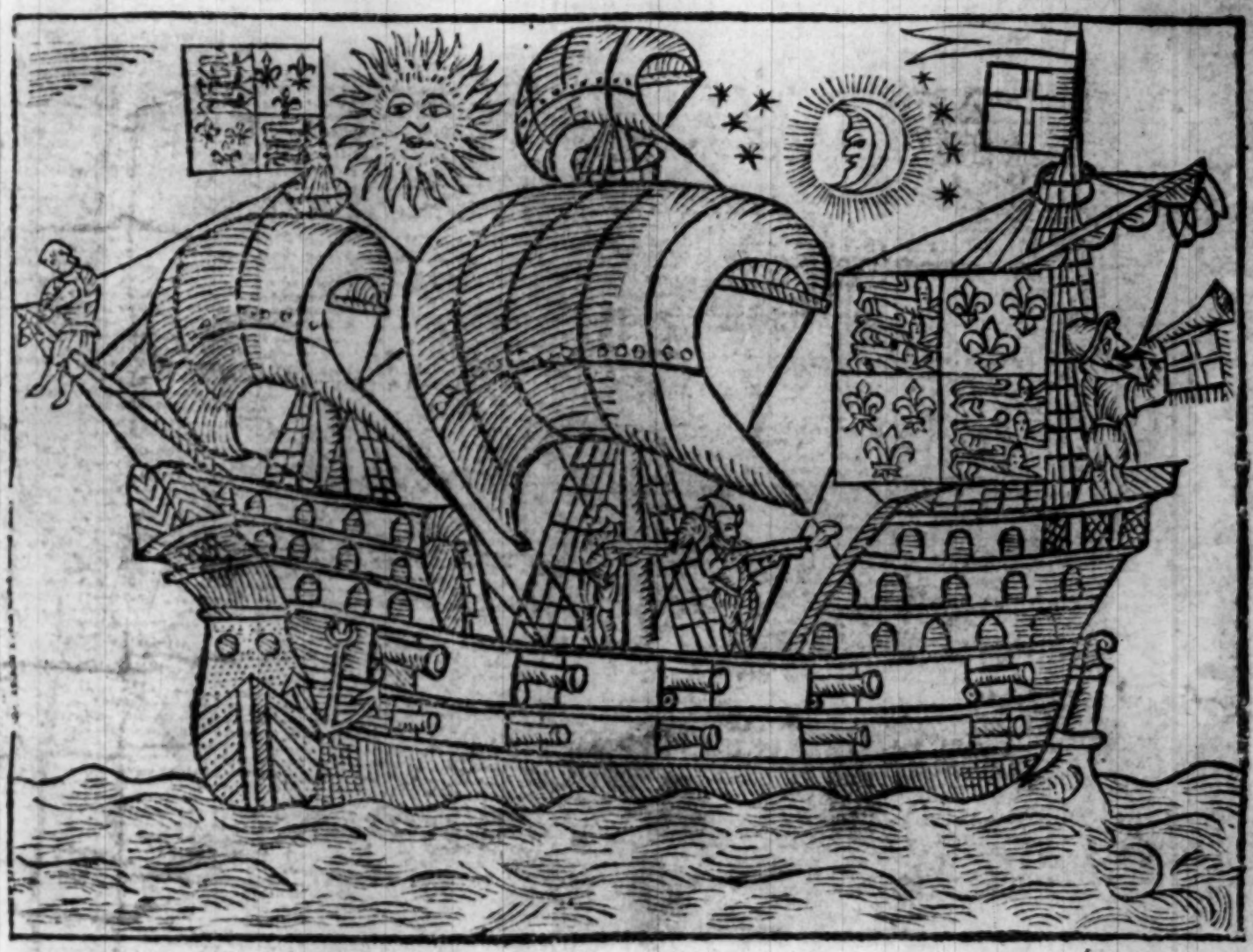

THE SEA-MANS Triumph.

Declaring the honorable actions of such gentlemen Captaines and Sailers, as were at the takinge of the great Carrick, lately brought to Dartmouth, with her burthen and commodities, with the maner of their fight, and names of men of accompt.

With the burning of an other Carrick at the Iland of Flowers, of the burthen of 900. Tunnes and vpward, written for trueth to a gentleman of great worship in London.

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RIght-woorſhipfull, for that at my beeing at London diuers and ſundry reports paſſed, touchinge the taking of the greate Carricke called the Mother of God lately arriuinge at Dartmouth in the VVeſt, where I now remaine, about your affaires, I haue thought it good: vnder your worſhips fauour, to aduertiſe your worſhip of the truth thereof, as I haue credibly gathered by ſuch as bare office and are principall officers in the ſame: Beſeechinge you to acquainte maſter E. H. with others my good friendes, & your worſhips fauourites with the ſame, for that I know the gentleman to be well diſpoſed, and ſo well giuen, as hee will not bee the reporter of any nouelties, but ſuche as ſhall beare credite, my ſelfe vnwoorthy to bee ioynde with one of ſo high eſteeme, am loth to geeue my ſelfe that credite, to be a reporter of any other as your woorſhip knoweth, to whome in all

humbleneſſe I referre my ſelfe: yet ſuch is the deſire I haue, to haue the well deſeruinge, reape their rewarde, and bee had in exteeme accordinge to their woorthineſſe. As I haue herein done my beſt to ſignifie the ſame vnto you and others, and could well wiſhe it were publiſhed, to the view of the worlde, to the ende, their names who haue hardly aduentured for it: may reape the honour they haue deſerued, to the encouragemente of others. To the like, hauty and full of courage hath beene thoſe reſolute Gentlemen and theyr followers, and thereby deſerued more reputation then I can with my baſe reporte yeelde them: yet imitating thoſe whiche haue lyued in elder yeares, that wiſhed their countries honor, vnwoorthy though I be to write their deſerued prayſes, I haue aduentured the ſame, and hope it ſhall be as acceptable as I deſire, wherein if your worſhip be ſatisfied, I haue my wiſh in ſome ſorte: and that I may not be tedious vnto you, nor ſuch as by you ſhall haue view of this my vnwoorthy writinges, I will with friuoulous matter no longer detaine you, but proceede to the matter which was this.

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Her Maiesties Shippes and others, hauinge spente the most parte of this last Sommer about the Ilandes, as well for the safetie of our countreymen that way aduenturinge, as also to annoy our profes=sed ennemies the Spanyardes, whome re=portes gaue out, were in great Fleetes at Sea, this Fleete aforesaide spending their time with little profite to any of them, with consent of their Admirals dispersed them=selues diuers wayes: some takinge theyr course for one Ilande, and some for ano=ther, to discry if they might: what shipping our ennemies had at Sea, amongest the which dispersed Fleet, Sir Iohn Burrowes knight, a most resolute and politicke gen=tleman, thirstinge to showe hys valour at Sea: there, in hys countreies seruice to gaine fame, to the ennemies disgrace, as a=gainste them on lande, both in the Low=countries and Fraunce, he had most nobly aduentured, to the greate commendations not onely of himselfe, but his whole poste=rity, and countries great good, This wor=thy knight being Commander of the good Ship called the Row=Bucke, and hauing in hys companye, an other fortunate and braue Shippe named the Dainety, whose

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owner is that wooꝛthy knighte Sir Iohn Hawkins, the Captayne a bꝛaue Marri-ner, and a moſt foꝛward man, called maſter Thomſon of Harwiche, and one other Shippe of London called the Dꝛagon, whoſe Captayne is maiſter Newporte of Lunehouſe a moſt hardy and foꝛward man and reſolute in perfourminge any thinge to his charge committed, the owner of which Ship, is maiſter Becket of Limehouſe, late maiſter of the Trinytie houſe, theſe ſhippes aboue named, commanded by that bꝛaue kinght, being beſt of accounpt at that time the Queenes Shippes beinge abſent and one that the reſt being deſirous to bee go-uerned by, called to Captaine Thomſon, being in the Dayntie, and him deſired as God would permite them that hee would keepe him companie, offeringe him manye large pꝛofferes, Captaine Tomſon accep-ted and pꝛomiſed what helpe he could do if occation ſerued he would be reddy with his beſt power and all his companie to accom-pliſh, this concluded, they keept companie all that night, and the nexte day. Theſe other Shippes being farre to windward of them, (viz) the Foꝛeſight, the Teager of my Lord of Cumberlandes, the Samſon,

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his Lordships also, and a blacke Shippe of M. Newtons of London marchãt called the Prudence, whose Captayne and Maister was Hugh Merricke of London, a man wel reputed for hys valour and skill in marine causes, and oftentimes as a man of choyce for hys vertues, hath taken charge in her Maiesties Nauy, with one smale Barke of Poxhmouth, called the Phenix, which serued for a Pinnace: her Maister and owner was Edward Grant, a manne foxtunate and happy. These Shippes, last named, being as I saide, and it is credibly repoxted to Windewarde of Sir Iohn Borowes and the Daintie, They firste discried the one Carrycke, of the burthen of nine hundred tuns ox there abouts with whom, the Roebuck and the Daintie bare all the night & gaue them chace long before the rest (descried her) as they supposed, who, immediatly vpon the view therof, seeing Sir Iohn and Captaine Thomson had her in chace, bare with her all the night, in hope to haue that they wished, the Daintie beeing headmost, for that shee is good of saile followed sharpest, whiche the Carricke perceyued, and fearinge to bee taken bare with the Isle Flowers, beeing not farre from the shoare,

and betweene the ſhoare and Sir Iohn Burrowes, which do they what they might, that aduauntage could not bee gotten from them, albeit many occaſions was miniſtred: the wooꝛſe was the good knightes foꝛtune and the reſt. Well ſir, this Carricke being thus cloſly purſued, recouered the Iland, and letting fall foure Anchoꝛs, runne all a ſhoare, Sir Iohn Burrowes and the reſt anchoꝛed by them, and night being vpon them, determined the next moꝛninge to haue booꝛded her: But God that diſpoſeth of all thinges, how foꝛward ſoeuer man is in aduenturinge, and geueth victoꝛies, at his good pleaſure. That nighte when all the Fleete had greateſt hope to haue had their deſire, and to haue enioyed that Carricke whome they had garded with greate pollicy. It pleaſed God to ſende a marueilous great ſtoꝛme, the winde comming off the Sea, which troubled them very much, ſo that they were enfoꝛced by the extremity of the weather, the place well knowne to be very daungerous, to weigh Anchoꝛ, and put againe to Sea, committinge themſelues to the harſheneſſe of the waues, and the mercy of God, yet tooke ſuch oꝛder, that they ſhould al keepe as cloſe as they might

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and if God sente faire weather, they might not so loose her. This nighte past, and the storme by his grace, that geueth all grace, seised. The whole Fleet bare againe with Floweres and comming neere the Iland might perceiue the Spaniards, how they laboured, to saue the best they had aborde, hauing not ceased all that night from hard trauaill and carryinge a shore what they might. These emulous villaines, seeing no remidye but to fall into their handes, that would haue taken great care of her, fyred the Caricke. before any of our Flecte could lay her abord, and almost all forsooke her. In such sort increased the fire, that doe what men might, albeit great paines was therein taken, they coulde not quench the marcielesse flame vntill all her vpper worke was consumed, when with much adoe, they quenched the same, where they found of Pyliage such as contented poore men. This ouer past, they chanced to take one of the companie, who being a Spaniard, on certaine Articles, hee confessed muche matter touching that Caricke, and gaue also notice of the comminge of the other, the which was afterwarde mette withall and taken, and it is called the Mother of

God. The Fleete stoared with resolute mindes, when as they heard this newes, were all frolicke: their ioyfull hartes presaged good successe to follow: and hauinge taken what they could of the first Carrick, they determined to dispers their Shippes againe, to the ende some of their fortunes, by Gods good fauour might bee to lighte vppon her, and with this resolution, they put to Sea agayne, the Row-Bucke and the Dainty, keeping still together, as neere as they might. Night commynge on, they hulled almost the whole nighte, or carried very little saile: continuing in this maner twoo nightes and two dayes, the seconde day in the mornynge, the Dainetie beeinge headmost againe, as for her sayle she exceedeth many, discried the great Carricke all a hie: seeminge to them in their toppe, to be some huge thinge, as indeede she is, this sighte pleased them so well: as he that had the beste stommacke to his victualls, was so ioyfull, that they forgotte their Breakefast: hopinge before Dinner, to haue an host that should make them righte merry, and hoysinge their sayles, bare with her all the day. The Row-bucke, seeinge her make suche saile, caused one to looke out, whoe

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likewise presently discried her, to their no little ioyes and reioylinge, and fitting their sailes likewise, liued in great hope of Gods good fauour thereun, and so hoaped to bee better sharers, then with the first. The Foreright and the rest of the Fleete, beeing farre off, hadd likewise discried her, and bare with the reste. By noone or one of the clocke of that day, beeing the thirde of August, the Dauntie came neere her, so that the Gunner, whose name was Thomas Bedome, beinge a proper tall man, and had very good aime at any thinge, and good lucke withall: desired the Captaine, hee might giue them a shoote, to lett them vnderstande, that they were Englishmenne, and vnder her Highnesse, Commaunder of the Seas. The Captaine hauinge greate care, and not willinge to haue any shoote shot in vaine: commaunded him to forbear till they shoulde come neerer her, whiche was not longe, when the Captaine himselfe commaunded him to doe his best, and carowsinge a kanne of Wine to his company, encouraged them to begin the fighte, and comminge vpp, haled them after the manner of the Sea, and commaunded them to strike for the Queene of England,

which they no sooner refused, but the Gon=
ner beeinge ready, gaue fire to two whole
Cuiueringes in her chase, and racked and
toare her pitifullye: Bearinge vpp wyth
them, gaue them the whole side, and boor=
ded them presently, whoe resisted most cou=
ragiously, and putt vs off againe: Thus
continued the Dainetie in fighte, a pretty
while, before any other could come to helpe
her, in whiche tyme shee laide her aboorde
three seuerall times, toare her Ancient from
her poope, and slewe her Captaine, and
more harme had doone them, but that by
chaunce a shott, bare their foremaste by the
Boorde, which they were compelled to
splice againe, to theyr great trouble. The
nexte that came to her rescue was the va=
liant Sir Iohn Burrowes, who attempting
with great valour to boorde her, was putt
off againe, and receiued a shott which had
like to haue endaungered himselfe. The
third was the golden Dragon of London,
whereof was Captaine Maister Newport,
whoe most brauely gaue the attempte, but
was likewise put off, the Carricke beeinge
so huge, that those Shippes did but little
good. In boording they slew many of their
men, and spoyled them maruellously. The

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next was her Maiesties good Shippe the Forelighte, whose commaunder for that seruice was Captaine Crasse, a man well approued in marine causes, and farre hath aduentured, whoe with his Shippe layde her a boorde, and very valiauntly assayled them, and was most stoutely by the Spanyardes also repulsed: in so much, that the braue Captaine, of whose men, many were weake, and yet beeinge loth her Maiesties Shippe should bee shaken off without victory, fyred the Carricke, rather wishinge her to be burnte, then the ennemies to enioy her. But the proud and lofty-minded Spanyardes, standinge on their reso ute pointes, retourned the fire againe, or some other, which three times was kindled: to the great comber of Captayne Crosse and his Companye, that woulde not so leaue them. This daungerous conflict betweene these Shippes endured longe time, which the Phenix of Portchmouth perceiuinge, and beeinge able to yeelde her little other comforte, by reason of the hugenesse of the Carricke, shee beinge but of threescore tuns or there abouts: albeit the Maister would gladly haue doone his beste, and was willing to boord her also: yet lefte hee her for a

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time ſtandinge with their Admirall and Vice=Admirall, whiche was the Teager and Sampſon, who comminge vpp wyth them, declared vnto them the hardy fighte of the Fozeſighte, who pzeſently bare vpp with them all the nighte: the Sampſon beeing the firſt, comming vp with the Carricke, gaue her the whole broad ſide, and ſhuttinge vpp into the Fozeſightes quarter, entered hys menne into her, Captaine Norton, that braue and wooꝛthy gentlemanne, laide her alſo a booꝛde hauing the Teager with him, and ſo entered together beeing a hundred men at the leaſt, all reſolutely minded: at whoſe enteraunce, they yeelded ſo greate a crye, as the diſmayed Portingalls and Spanyardes, coulde not beethincke themſelues what courſe to take to helpe themſelues, in ſuche a maſe were they ſtricken, although they were Eighte hundzed ſtronge, all well appoynted and able men, and of ours but one hundzed. But ſtandinge thus as men amaſed, at length yeelded themſelues vanquiſhed: and ſo perforce gaue poſſeſsion, to them that challenged it foz their owne, as wonne with their ſwoozdes and hazarde of their liues: as the pittifull ſlaughter of the deade car=

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calles, which they found a boord witnessed, the sight whereof was able to mollifie the hardest hart in the world. To see the slaine men, here and there lie welteringe in their owne bloude, and the grieuous lamenta= tion of the wounded, amongst which some lackinge their legges, some their armes, and other members of their bodies, whose misery, our countreymenne (thoughe they were our hatefull ennemies) greately be= wayled: yet acknowledged it to be but the chaunce of Warres, which was and is, as it pleaseth God. They gaue God harty thankes for their owne safety: and did their best indeuour in procuringe remedye for as many as was possible, whereby they haue acquisted vnto themselues and their coun= try, exceeding great commendations: such is the good conditions of Englishmen, in fauouringe their conquered ennemies: bee their fury neuer so greate. The conflict en= ded, it were a worlde of wonder to recount vnto you, the true reportes, how our men be stirred themselues, in searchinge and pryinge into euery corner of her, as farre as they might, as they might well doe hauing with so great danger ouercomen her. The sight of the riches within the same contai=

ned, did so amaze the companies that were within boorde of her, and that still came from euery Shippe, beeing desirous to see what God had sent them, after so long and hoat a fight: that many of them coulde not tell what to take, suche was the stoare and the goodnesse thereof: yea, hee that hadd knowen, what thinges had bene woorth, in a little roome mighte haue contriued great wealth, for it is credibly reported, that some yonkers happened to finde many Jarres of Ceuitt, which is of great woorth, and bee=ing of some longe time closely kepte, when they opened the same, was cause it yeelded no sauour: and they ignorant and not kno=wynge what it should bee, thynkinge it but trashe as it came to their handes, heaued it ouer-boord: much other thinges was so spoyled for want of knowledge, when eue=ry man had sufficient, and that not one had cause to complayne: Sir John Burrowes and other the Principals of the Fleete, cal=linge a Counsell, in the same determined to take some course for the goodes, valued ac=cording to the Spanyardes owne reports, to be aboue seauentesme hundreth tunnes, and in value as they thought, many thou=sand poundes, besides the other great trea=

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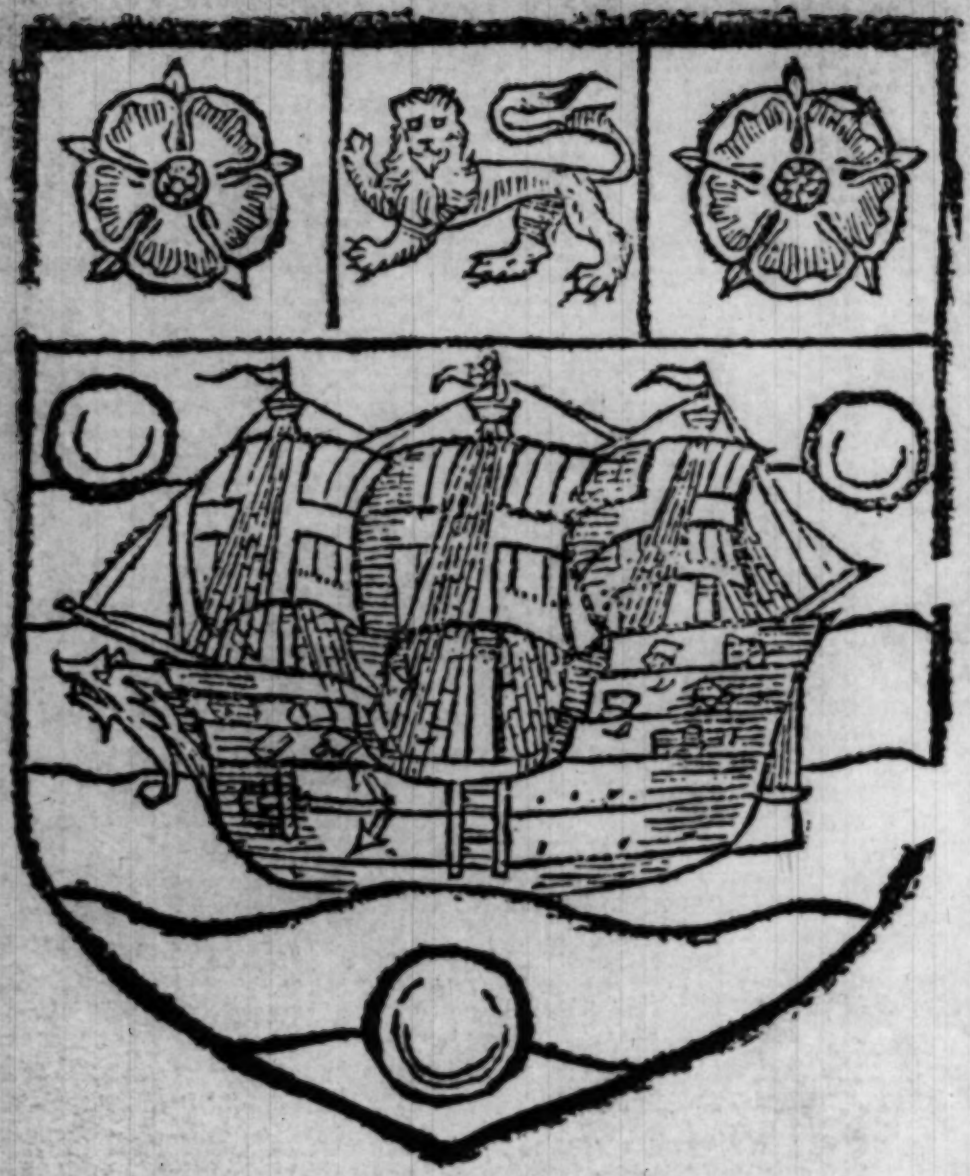
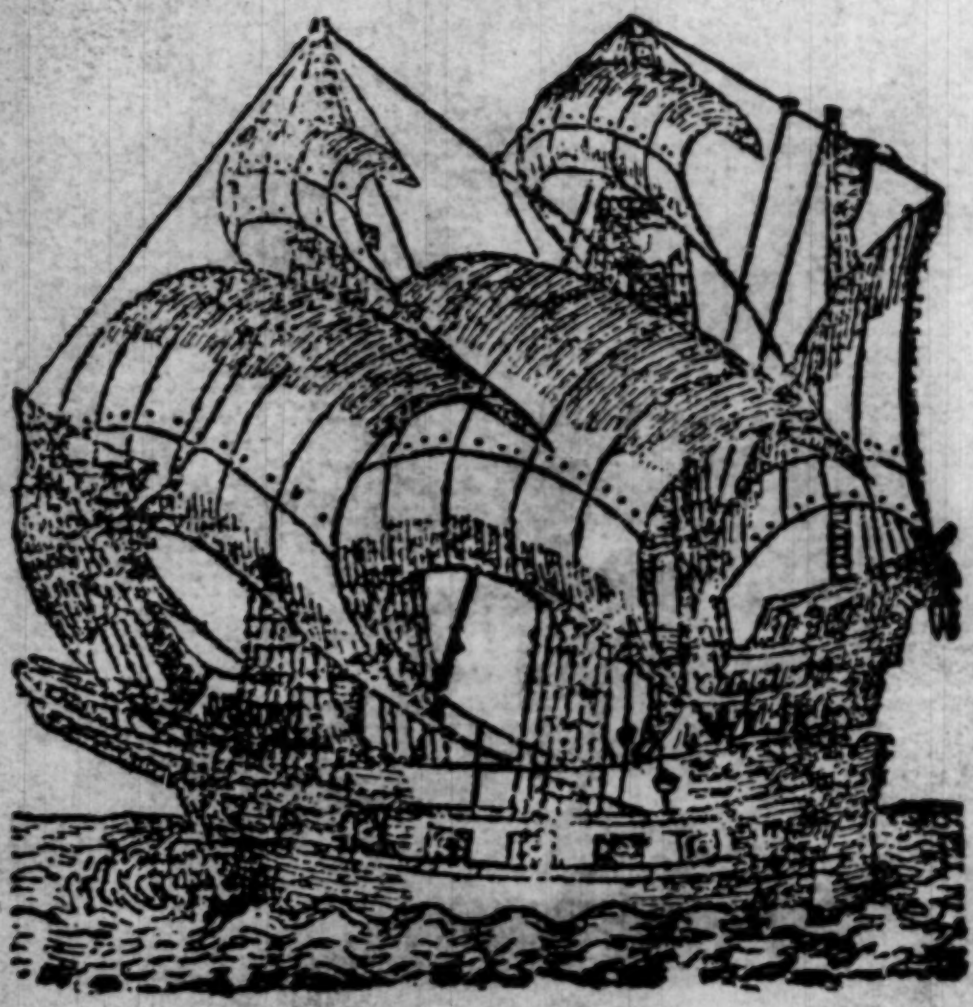
sure that was in her. Thus a viewe beeing taken, they gan to consulte, what were best to doe with the Prisoners, whiche were many, and findinge their greate scarsitie of victuals, and not knowing what weather they might haue, nor howe it mighte please God with good winde to prosper them, it was concluded, to Shippe as manye of them as they mighte, and to sende them for Lisbona, this they fully determined, and prouision was made of a Barke of Douer, which they mett, the Fleete takinge in, her men, and such prouision as they had in her, and the rest embarked the Spanyardes and Portingalles wyth their Negroes, whereof were many, and gaue them wyth them stoare of victualles, and so gaue them leaue to departe, detayninge none but the principallest of them. It was supposed that the Vice-Roy for the Indies was amongst them: but it is not so good, for hee vppon some speciall cause, (as it was reported) re-steth behinde vntill the next yeare: whose fortune, if it bee by the prouidence of him that disposeth of all mennes ioyes, to sende them for Englande, no doubt hee shoulde bee welcome to a great many.

Thus Sir with fauour, haue I boldly troubled you, with ſuche good tydinges as heere is, as ducty willeth I ſhoulde, knowinge your ioy to bee greate for our braue countrymens good ſucceſſe, who after a long and perilous fighte, which endured almoſt twelue howres about eleuen or twelue a clocke in the nighte, they became maiſters of this huge Carricke, to their great ioy, and comforte of all faithfull and true harted Engliſhmen. A matter worth the hearinge and ſtraunge, of whoſe wealth your woorſhip ſhall better vnderſtande hereafter, when it may with leiſure and diſcretion bee valued and eſteemed: beſides which ſhe had in her good ſtoare of Ordinance, fitte for to ſerue for the Realmes defence, both of Braſſe and Iron, whole Cannons, Cannon Periall, Culueringes, Demi Culueringes and Sakars, to the nomber of three-ſcore, amongeſt which, this is not the woorſt, and I wiſh hartely, that all the reſt in the kinges dominions, that hath beene conuayed out of our own countrey by ſuch greedy cormorantes, as rather ſeeke the filling of their owne bags, then their countreyes benefite and ſafetye, were here with theſe: And they whoſe minds haue beene ſuche as to conuay them awaye, were knowne to her Maieſty and her honourable

rable Counſell, to the ende they mighte receiue, what they haue woorthely deſerued. But God in time will lay them open, and make them taſte the ſower, as well as they haue doone the ſweete. VVherefore we had not neede to be ſlacke in praying to the God of all power, wiſedome, and ſtrength, that it will pleaſe him to encreaſe the nomber of faithfull and obedient ſubiects, continue the raigne of our moſt Soueraigne Lady, and confounde all her foes.

Other newes there is none, but generall good tidinges of all our men of warre, that ſpent the Sommer abroade, who haue proſpered well: whoſe actions deſeruinge commendations, when I ſhall certainely know, I will further aduertiſe you: Till when I humbly recommend my ſelfe vnto your worships ſeruice. Dartmouth this laſt of September 1592.